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1. IN CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTTEL, US DEP REP
INFORMED UK REP AND FRG REP OF WASHINGTON VIEWS ON MORNING OF
JULY 13. BOTH REPS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN IMPLEMENTING THESE
VIEWS BUT WITH VISIBLE RELUCTANCE.

2. FRG REP SAID HE FOUND WASHINGTON VIEWS DISAPPOINTING
BECAUSE THERE WAS HIGH DEGREE OF AGREEMENT IN AD HOC GROUP AS
TO DESIRABLE FUTURE COURSE OF DATA DISCUSSION.

3. UK REP SAID HE FOUND WASHINGTON VIEWS HIGHLY DISAPPOINTING
FROM TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW. IT WAS PROBABLE THAT THERE WOULD
BE NO WESTERN RESPONSE OF WHATEVER NATURE TO THE EASTERN JUNE

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8 PROPOSALS MUCH BEFORE THE END OF THE FALL/WINTER ROUND OF THE
VIENNA TALKS. HENCE, POSTPONEMENT OF THE BEGINNING OF THE NATO
CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE NEW MOVES IN THE DATA FIELD UNTIL
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER WOULD MEAN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEW DATA
GUIDANCE FROM NATO UNTIL LATE IN THE NEXT ROUND. THIS
CIRCUMSTANCE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS ON WEST'S CAPACITY TO
CONDUCT VIGOROUS DATA DISCUSSION WITH EAST. THERE WAS

AGREEMENT THAT DATA WAS NOW IN THE CENTER OF THE VIENNA TALKS AND WEST SHOULD PUSH TO MAINTAIN AUTHORITY OF ITS POSITION. BUT THE LINES OF DATA DISCUSSION USED BY WEST HERETOFORE IN VIENNA WERE NOW AT THEIR END. THE EAST WAS PRESSING THE WEST FOR NEW DATA AND COULD GO PUBLIC ON THIS. BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO WESTERN RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT ROUND, DATA WAS THE OBVIOUS TOPIC FOR WESTERN NEGOTIATORS TO CONCENTRATE ON THEN. IF DATA PROPOSALS WERE NOT MADE TO NATO NOW AND DISCUSSED, WESTERN REPS WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW ROUND TO CONDUCT THE DATA DISCUSSION IN A WAY WHICH WOULD MAINTAIN OR INCREASE PRESSURE ON EAST TO REVISE ITS FIGURES, AS WAS NECESSARY. LONDON HAD AGREED WITH UK REP'S VIEWS THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD NOW TO ISSUE NEW GUIDANCE ON DATA AND UK DEL NATO HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESS FOR THIS IN SPC MEETING JULY 13.

4. IN DISCUSSION JULY 13, PATRICK MOBERLY OF FCO, IN VIENNA ON SHORT VISIT, STATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT POSITION IN REFTTEL, STRESSING IN PARTICULAR THAT THE NEW FOCUS ON DATA CREATED BY THE EAST'S JUNE 8 PROPOSALS CREATED NEED FOR A MORE DYNAMIC WESTERN DATA APPROACH IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE EAST. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IF WASHINGTON IS NOT IN A POSITION TO DEAL NOW WITH ALL THREE ITEMS: REALLOCATION, AVERAGE MANNING LEVEL AND RED DATA, AT THE SAME TIME, PERHAPS IT COULD AGREE THAT THE AD HOC GROUP COULD RAISE ONE OR TWO OF THESE ITEMS.

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5. I SHARE THE UK REP'S ASSESSMENT OF THE TACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE WEST WILL FACE ON THE DATA ISSUE IN THE NEXT ROUND IF NEW NATO GUIDANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW AT A POINT WHERE EVEN THE SOVIETS ARE SAYING THAT THE DATA ISSUE IS THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHERE THE EAST ITSELF HAS TAKEN MOVES WHICH PLACE IT UNDER THE GREATEST PRESSURE IT HAS BEEN UNDER SINCE THE OUTSET OF THE TALKS FOR IT TO MOVE ON DATA, AND WHERE EASTERN REPS ARE GIVING SOME SIGN OF FEELING THE PRESSURE. FOR THE WEST TO BACK OFF NOW FROM THE DATA DISCUSSION, IN THE SENSE OF NOT PREPARING THE DECISIONS WHICH WILL ENABLE WESTERN NEGOTIATORS TO MAINTAIN AND IF POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS, WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE. GIVEN THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH HERE, I WOULD ASK WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REVIEW THEIR POSITIONS AND TO PERMIT THE SUGGESTED REPORT, WHICH DOES NOT COMMIT THE USG AS TO A SPECIFIC POSITION, AND ON THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF WHICH THERE IS A HIGH DEGREE OF CONSENSUS WITH FRG AND UK AS WELL AS OTHER ALLIES, TO PROCEED TO NATO. NATO WILL OF COURSE TAKE A CONSIDERABLE TIME TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS TOPIC, BUT THAT IS WHY THE PROCESS THERE SHOULD START NOW.

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